

GREAT SHOW AT ATLANTA

It Will Be Second Only to the World's Fair.

BUILDINGS NEARLY FINISHED

Fine Structures Erected by the Various States—A \$200,000 Building.

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On the 18th of next September there will be opened at Atlanta, Ga., the Cotton States and International Exposition, an affair that has attracted considerable attention from its inception, but which is, even now, not comprehended in its entire magnitude by one per cent of the people of this country. It is an exposition of Southern products, but it is not a Southern exposition. We have become so accustomed in the North to thinking of the South as a country where there is nothing to be seen—save in Florida and New Orleans—that it is almost impossible for us to realize that there is a great people down there who have more energy, stick-to-it-iveness and vitality than many Northerners. The South has been a seed bed to us for many years. We picture it as hot and mephitic, but when I say that the city of Atlanta stands at the highest elevation of any large city on our continent, excepting Denver, you will realize that its climate is one of more mildness and of more temperance than that of Pittsburgh, for example. And it is one of the beautiful cities of this land, too. Immediately after the close of the World's Fair at Chicago, Atlanta, the political capital of the State of Georgia, as well as the commercial capital of the New South, has stirred with the idea that a grand exhibition there, in the center of the growing South, would be one of the marked events in the history of our country. Col. W. A. Henshelf, of the Atlanta Constitution, was the originator of the idea. He reasoned that the South's opportunity had come, and that it was the duty of the South to embrace it at once. There has been an

tailed space of ground, well improved, containing a lake and plenty of vegetation. On this space of ground has been planned a display of buildings and landscape gardening which, while it does not for an instant invite comparison with the work of the late lamented John W. Root at Jackson Park, is a work of great merit in itself. An architectural display, so far as it has been possible, has been kept far away from the classic designs that made the Windy City famous. The single exception is the fine arts building. This, from the fact that its walls have not the advantages of the museum of the world, which can be utilized for a part of the scheme of decoration, was wisely kept to a conventional, and classic style, but the manufacturers, the agricultural, the mechanical and for-



Mrs. Joseph Thompson.

estry buildings have been made in conformity with the pavilion style, and yellow pine finish, conical towers, and pointed roofs in profusion. The woman's building, about which there is always more or less controversy, has been designed by Miss Elise Mercer, of Pittsburgh, and while not a triumph of architectural skill, is a comfortable, home-like building, where, doubtless, the women will feel much more at home than they could have felt in the immense structure at Chicago. Mr. Gilbert has combined utility with beauty in the building which will contain the business departments of the exposition, by making it a portion of the main entrance. It is exceedingly decorative, with its battlemented towers and massive center gateway guarded by a huge portico, forming the main entrance proper. There will be ample room in the wings on either side



President C. A. Collier.

at Chicago. The electric theater will be there, and the Hagenbeck show, and a vaudeville hall, and even Buffalo Bill will gladden the hearts of the boys and pose as the typical American to the foreigners. The negro will have a building all to himself, and, if I am not mistaken, this will be the first time in the history of the world that the negro has been given the opportunity to display his individuality and to show what he himself can do. The building was designed in the South and has been built by the colored people alone, every timber and stone having been laid by negro mechanics, the superintendent having seen to it that no white labor went into the construction. There will be an exhibit from the District of Columbia, including a number of negroes, upon which \$10,000 will be spent. In contrast to this, the exposition board has planted about five acres of ground with cotton, distributed in the planing so that there will be ripe and growing cotton throughout the time of the exposition, upon which will be exhibited a machine, invented by a Northern, Angus Campbell, which will pick and gin cotton, doing with two men and three mules the work of forty handpickers.

The public will be taken care of by the exposition board themselves. The concession at Chicago of the duties of public comfort to a private company was not entirely satisfactory, and the Atlanta people, considering this, resolved to do it themselves. So a committee of the board, called the department of public comfort, was organized, under the chairmanship of County Commissioner Forest Ash, which will have headquarters in the city. An elaborate campaign of cleanliness and order in the city has been made, and the board will handle the people and make no charge for its efforts to make them comfortable. This is the system which was so successful at the Centennial in 1876. While Atlanta is a city of 110,000 souls, yet the probability is that no special excursions there will be fully that many people in the city, and some central board of control becomes absolutely necessary. With this board in control, I cannot see where there will be the slightest confusion in the accommodations for the visitors.

As a hospitable city, I know of none on this continent which can equal Atlanta. On great occasions, all the people, from the greatest to the least, from the richest to the poorest, open their doors to the stranger within their gates. The old Southern spirit of hospitality has not been smothered by the advent of Northern commercialism and the Atlanta as an open-hearted, warm and hospitable city, and the men and women filled with a high sense of honor and a spirit of chivalry as in the ante-bellum days. This from a Northern.

When the people realize the magnitude of "The South's Greatest Opportunity," when they comprehend that this is the opening of the chestnut burr for the New South, they will flock to Atlanta—Georgia—and they will find Georgia's wide open to receive them, and the best that Georgia's place at their command. And, judging from the reports coming to me every day from the land of cotton, the greatness of the Cotton States and International Exposition will be dimmed only by the lustre of Chicago, and that even then, the light of the former will be so different a hue that it will hold its own in the memories of the people as one of the greatest achievements, not only of the South, but of our whole nation.

Conclusive Evidence. When man knows how to make a ribbon, When woman learns to drive a nail, When man can read a woman pale, When woman don't make a woman pale, When woman gets off right from street cars, Instead of facing toward the rear, When man stops smoking bad tobacco, And drinking non-smoking beer, When woman doesn't block the sidewalk, With spreading skirts and puffed-out sleeves, When man stops flirting with new charms, And to his lawful darling cleaves, When man can understand the baby, And woman getting it talks sense, When man proposes a new bouquet, And woman smiles at the expense— Phenomena like these and others May strike surprised observers dumb; But they will know by these same tokens That the millennium has come. —Sonsville Journal.

A Friendly Pointer. Newsboy (at summer resort railway depot)—"Taint every gentleman gives me the change to keep. Say are you going to the Fashion Hotel?" Young Man—Yes, my boy. Newsboy—Well, I'll give you a pointer. You're party hard, ain't ye? Young Man—Half starved. I've traveled a long distance since breakfast. Newsboy—I shud so from th' dust on y'r coat. Well, you just slip in at the back door. Young Man—Why? Newsboy—There ain't no other young men there this season. Just you speak in 'n' get a square meal before any of the girls see you. It's the last one they'll give you time to eat. —New York Weekly.

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CONGRESS OF LEGAL LIGHTS

Coming Gathering of Lawyers in Detroit.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Men Whose Names Are Famous Will Talk and Vote.

There are many famous lawyers in this country, in fact, we have more lawyers of real greatness than any other land on earth. It is not necessary to allude to their prominence in public affairs nor to the important part they play in every sphere of life. Now, all these limbs of the law are getting ready for their coming convocation at Detroit, which opens on the 28th of August next. The occasion is the national assembly of the American Bar Association, perhaps the most remarkable professional body ever organized. It began its existence in 1878, and to-day not a lawyer of national prominence is outside of it. Every State has local bodies in affiliation with the parent order. James C. Carter, of New York, is the president.

There will be some hundreds of delegates, many of whom are prominent judges. A resume of the subjects will convey more adequately than anything else an idea of what the lawyers propose to do. The importance of their debates and resolutions will be understood from the fact that when ever the bar association officially recommends a change in our statutes it is almost invariably accomplished.

Divorce will be one of the vital issues. At its last meeting the Divorce Law Reform League invited the co-operation of the bar in effecting changes in our procedure connected with this subject. Many of the lawyers are unwilling to deal with the matter

because the divorce is a thing many of them do not care to be concerned with at all. But the subject has grown to such dimensions that action is deemed imperative. Corporation law, however, will not come under the head of a dubious subject. In fact it is one matter with which every lawyer attending must feel some anxiety. The subject is connected with the subject of insurance, which is a subject of great importance. The lawyer will not only represent among his clients is nowadays deemed of no account whatever. This very fact has been embarrassing to both the corporations and the bar. For it is charged that the lawyer becomes little better than a lobbyist. He is compelled to protect his clients against the law making power, even when that power is exerted for the public good. The remarks of Mr. Justice Brown, of the Supreme Court of the United States, made before the law school at Yale, have, for this reason, attracted the greatest attention. Said the justice:

"Though I am unwilling to believe that corporations are solely responsible for our municipal governments, the fact remains that bribery and corruption are so universal as to threaten the very structure of society. Bribery in no country is so world as the influence of wealth more potent than in this, and in no period of our history has it been more powerful than now. Worse than this, however, is the combination of corporations in social wide open to receive them, and the best that Georgia's place at their command. And, judging from the reports coming to me every day from the land of cotton, the greatness of the Cotton States and International Exposition will be dimmed only by the lustre of Chicago, and that even then, the light of the former will be so different a hue that it will hold its own in the memories of the people as one of the greatest achievements, not only of the South, but of our whole nation."

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for a paper on contract law, which is to be read by the secretary. That distinguished son of a distinguished father, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., speaks upon the lawyer as an arbiter, and he will be not the least interesting of the many members of the bench in attendance. David B. Hill and William B. Allison are to be among the speakers present. Stevenson, Kitchin, of Michigan, makes the address of welcome. James C. Carter, of New York, will preside. He is the official head of the gathering.

"A national gathering of lawyers," he



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said, when interviewed upon the significance of the approaching event, "is not necessarily of an exclusively professional nature. In a republic like ours there should not exist a class set apart and out of touch with the people, as the bar in other lands has apt to become. Laws are not made for the mere sake of making the people conform to them, but because the people demand them. A gathering of lawyers should have the effect of interesting our citizens in laws proposed as well as in laws enacted. It will be a public benefit. We Americans have a tendency to complain of laws that exist, forgetting that if they are oppressive we were indifferent to them during the period of their consideration. We are singularly indifferent to law that is as yet unmade, forgetting that if it becomes a nuisance when put into effect, it is all our fault. The idea brooded during the coming gathering may soon have all the force of law. Their preliminary discussion, therefore, is important."

Mr. Carter was asked about the money-making power of the men who are to meet. "It is rather a pity that a lawyer should be judged by the money he makes," he replied. "Some of the ablest lawyers in the land do not earn a tenth of the sum named by others who are positively incompetent. Some members of the bar will not take up certain lines of practice because they deem them unprofitable. Others prefer certain lines of practice in which they feel a particular interest. Still others are unwilling to have anything but an office practice. These and other considerations are responsible for the fact that the bar is not a homogeneous body. It is a pity that a lawyer should be judged by the money he makes," he replied. "Some of the ablest lawyers in the land do not earn a tenth of the sum named by others who are positively incompetent. Some members of the bar will not take up certain lines of practice because they deem them unprofitable. 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